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A Machine to Husk Corn.

At the New York State Agricultural Fair, a machine to husk corn was exhibited, which is thus described by the New York Express:

At this fair, for the first time, we find a perfect practical machine for picking and husking corn; operations which, it has ever been thought, were beyond human ingenuity and forethought to perform in any other way than by the primitive, yet still continued, hand process. But the apparatus here alluded to, does the whole work, not only ten times more expeditiously, but much more effectively than it is usually done by hand, and at the same time leaves the fodder and husks in a much more desirable condition for the purposes desired; indeed, the machine would be valuable, if only the two last points mentioned were effected by it.

In outward appearance the machine is not unlike an old-fashioned, flat-top fanning mill. At one end, above the top, is a pair of rollers revolved by gear wheels, to which it attached the pulley for the power. At the inner side of the roller, are two knives, between which the corn stalks pass. The latter, just as cut from the hill, are laid on the feeding table, and the butt ends are received between the knives, and are drawn through the rollers. As the ears come in contact with the knives they are wrenched off, and falling into the hopper are passed down an inclined plane, furnished with rubbers, which revolve as they pass down, and they remove every vestige of husk and silk, leaving the unshelled ear ready for the crib. There are no drawbacks in the whole operation, no incompleteness in the machine in any particulars, and no improvements wanted; it seems perfection throughout. It husks small ears and large ears, green or ripe corn, even the smallest nutlets, and always does the work well; never fails in removing stalk, husk and silk, never shells scratches or injures the grains. But this is not all; as the stalk passes between the rollers every joint and hard spot is crushed, and the fodder which passes out in front, will be consumed up as clean by the cattle as if it was clover or timothy hay. Still again—when the ear is wrenched off by the knives all the outside weather beaten husk goes through the rollers with the fodder; the clean, white, inside husks being removed by the rubbers, fall by themselves in a pile under the machine, while the clean ears are discharged at the rear of the machine. The last named husks for upholstery purposes in the market of all our principal cities usually command about \$15 per ton.

This great practical aid to agriculture for the year 1868, was invented by a gentleman of intelligence and more than ordinary constructive ability, Silas R. Kenyon, esq., of Greenville, Rhode Island.

FASHION.—Tortoise shell combs are in favor again.

The chignon is still worn very high and large.

Visiting cards of wood, enamelled, are the latest.

Oblong and three-cornered envelopes are coming in vogue once more.

Bows with embroidered monogram ends are in vogue among the ladies.

A long strip of wavy hair has superseded the curl worn at the side of the chignon.

Flowers will be very much used for trimming evening dresses this winter.

Beaded socks will be much worn this winter. Some of them are very elaborately embroidered.

Necklaces are worn more than ever this winter, and the "spiral" appears to be most fashionable.

The fashionable trimmings for hats are feathers of the most varied and brilliant dyes that can be imagined.

It is said that as the twig is bent the tree's inclined. Some of the young ladies about town will grow queerly if the Grecian style prevails very long.

Some very dressy and jaunty plush jackets are worn by the ladies this season. A number are worn with a hood, cut in two points, with long tassels.

Some unique novelties in jewelry are in course of preparation for the fall and winter season, which will rival the Parisian modes from which they were taken.

The new style of bonnet increases those diminutive objects in size the whole sixteenth of an inch. Progressive movement. At this rate they will be visible to the naked eye in five years.

SCRATCHES AND SORE BACK IN HORSES.—J. J. Hite, of Arrington Depot, Nelson, gives the following simple remedy, in the last "Farmer's Gazette," for the above diseases:

Reduce salt to a powder, mix as much of it in lard as it will take up, and do not become hard or dry. Apply it freely every other day—every third, fifth, eighth day and so on, lengthening the time. Don't apply it too often after the first week, or you will retard the healing. As the sore seems to improve apply it less and less often. For scratches use it more freely and oftener. "No washing or scrubbing will be necessary, unless there be mud or manure on the parts affected."

He says: "I used it, during the late war, with great success and satisfaction, on some of the worst backs ever seen by man. When cured up said backs were firmer and apparently sounder, and much less liable to become sore, than before the injury, by the saddle."

TO SEE THROUGH A GRINDSTONE.—The following curious optical illusion may be new to some of our readers. Roll up a piece of stiff paper in the shape of a tube with one end just large enough to fit round the eye, and the other end rather smaller. Hold the tube between the thumb and finger of the right hand, (do not grasp it with the whole hand) put the large end close against the right eye, and with the left hand hold a book, or any convenient opaque body, against the side of the tube. Be sure and keep both eyes open, and there will appear to be a hole through the tube. The right eye sees through the tube, and the left eye sees the object, and the two appearances are so confounded together that they cannot be separated.

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CITY ITEMS.

GENTLEMEN'S Fall Overcoats from \$7 to \$15. Some very neat ones and a variety to select from, at George C. Henning's, No. 511, 7th st., Washington, D. C. One Price, in plain figures, oct 17-18

TO USE economy is advisable at all times, and that there is such in buying the best, as regards wearing apparel, like everything else is generally conceded. We would therefore recommend to our friends S. DEALHAM'S well known Clothing Store, 108 King street. He has surely the best ready-made clothing ever brought to this city. By buying of him you can save much on merchant tailor's prices, and get your garments equally as good in every respect as well in material as in make. In coats and middle class goods, you will surely find Dealham's cheaper than the cheapest. Give him a call at 108 King street. oct 16

OUR FRIEND, HENRY STRAUSS, who is always obliging and accommodating, begs leave to inform his friends and the public in general that he has returned home again, after an absence of two weeks up North. We can say with pleasure that after looking through his well selected stock of Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes, Trunks, Valises, Satchels, etc., one cannot leave his establishment without purchasing. He has also made an addition to his store in the way of a wholesale room, where he would be pleased to have his numerous friends and acquaintances call upon him. HENRY STRAUSS, 148, King st., opp. W. A. & G. R. Depot, sep 22-24

WELCOME HOME.—Our friend Dealham has returned from New York, where he has purchased and had made to order the largest and finest stock of Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods ever before brought to this city. We do not hesitate to recommend him even to those of our friends who, so far, have had all their garments made by merchant tailors. He has then acquired as fine and as well made a stock of Furnishing Goods comprising Undershirts and Drawers of Silk, Cassimere, Lambs' Wool, &c., &c., from \$5 to \$10; the best of British and Merino Socks, &c., &c. His stock of Travelling Equipment cannot be surpassed, and his variety is too numerous to mention from the best of Sole Leather Trunks and Valises, and Leather Bags to the cheapest article. Remember the number of Dealham's store, 108, King street. sep 19-24

TRAVELLING TRUNKS.—Fine Sole Leather Trunks, Ladies' Dress Trunks, Packing Trunks, Valises, Leather Bags, Satchels, &c., in every variety, at J. S. DEALHAM, 108, King st.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

JAMES W. NALLS, (SUCCESSOR TO J. W. NALLS & CO.) ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Having purchased the entire stock of the late firm, at the old stand, NO. 187, KING STREET.

I invite those who have a library patronized them, and the public generally, to give me a call. Having a large stock on hand, I am prepared to sell as cheap as can be bought in the State. My stock consists of Hardware, Cutlery, Carpenters' Tools, Doors, Sash, Blinds, and Window Frames, Brackets, Mouldings, Balusters, of different patterns, and Newel Posts. A large stock of French and American Glass, double and single thick, of all sizes—Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Paint and White Wash Brushes, Lewis' Pure White Lead, and other brands of fine quality. Putty, Turpentine, and Oil. Also, a fine assortment of superior quality Cement, Calcareous Plaster, Pitch and Felt for Roofing, &c. A large stock of Pugh's celebrated Car Augers, and other articles found in first class Builders' Furnishing Establishments. All orders for Lumber, Brick and all kinds of Building Material promptly attended to. Terms cash. sep 21-24

"ENCOURAGE HOME INDUSTRY" VIRGINIA SASH AND DOOR FACTORY.

We would respectfully announce to the public that we are prepared to furnish SASHES, DOORS, BLINDS, MOULDINGS, BRACKETS, NEWELS, BALUSTERS, &c., &c. at lower rates than the same can be had north of the Potomac.

We have secured the services of Mr. CHAS. MANKIN, an experienced and well known Manufacturer of sashes, doors, and window frames, who well known reputation as a mechanic warrants us in saying that our work will compare with any in the country. All kinds of TURNING and SCROLL-SAWING done with dispatch. We have also connected with the Factory a J. A. W. MILL FLOORING-MILL and SURFACING-MILL. Send for Price List.

RISHELL & HOOGE, corner Fairfax and Queen streets, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

LIME! **LIME!**

The subscriber having established at the Canal Basin extensive Kilns for the production of all descriptions of LIME, offers the same to farmers, citizens and the public generally, in quantities to suit, and at low rates.

Persons in want of any description of Lime, whether for agricultural or building purposes, will find it to their interest to encourage home manufacture. They will find my LIME, as cheap as the cheapest, and good as the best, it being burned in the latest improved kilns.

I also offer for sale, at like reasonable rates, all kinds of BUILDING BRICK, to be had at GERMAN & FRANCIS' BRICK-YARD.

Orders may be left at the stores of J. Brokers & Co., King street; B. H. Stadler, corner King and Washington streets; at the Kiln, or my house, No. 56, south St. Asaph st. jy 21-6m

EMANUEL FRANCIS.

ICE CREAM SALOON.

BRENGLES' ICE CREAM SALOON, No. 121, King street.

Having been thoroughly repaired, refitted and refurnished, is now open for the accommodation of the public.

Ladies and gentlemen will find this saloon an agreeable place in which to refresh themselves with ICE CREAMS AND CONFECTIONS.

ICE CREAM at \$1.50 per gallon.

ICE CREAM, Orangeade, Chocolate Cream, Water-ices and Confectionery furnished at the shortest notice and delivered to any part of the city. jy 13-4f

CHESAPEAKE GUANO,

AN AMMONIATED SOLUBLE FERTILIZER.

Prepared at the Chesapeake Guano Works of Isaac Reynolds & Sons, Baltimore.

For sale at Baltimore prices by B. H. LAMBERT, Agent for the Manufacturers.

This article is highly recommended to wheat growers and farmers generally, by numerous certificates and analyses to be seen in pamphlets at my counting room, 18 Union wharf. sep 17-2m

FRESH DRUGS, &c.

Gum Arabic, Chamomile, Flowers (new crop) Carbonate of Ammonia, Opium, new crop, Pure Sulfur, Glauber's Salt, Slippery Elm, Fluid Extracts, Tildens, a full supply; Aromatic Spirits Ammonia, Refined Borax, Rubber Syringes, Corks, a full supply; Sealing Wax and Cement, Pure Concentrated Vinegar for Pickling, Venetian Red, Shalac, Turmeric, Green of all kinds, Hair Oils, French Black Soap, all kinds of Gloves, Lemon, Winter Green, &c., &c., received and for sale by

COOK & KELLEY, 107, King street, Alexandria, Va. sep 29

PICKLES, &c.—5 bbls Spiced Pickles; pint bottles Gherkins; quart do.; French Mustard in bottles, just received by

J. C. MILBURN, oct 13

WOOD AND COAL.

COAL! **COAL!** **COAL!**

FOR SALE.—Now landing at Smoot's Wharf, One cargo of Baltimore Company's Coal, egg and stove.

One cargo of Lyken's Valley Coal. To arrive per schr. Rebecca and Reppeller, 420 tons Locust Mountain Egg, and 65 tons Stove.

Also, one cargo of Baltimore Co.'s Coal, and one cargo of Lyken's Valley. oct 13-14

COAL! **COAL!** **COAL!**

A cargo of superior RED ASH COAL to arrive per schr. J. P. McDevitt, for sale low from the vessel. 2240 lbs to the ton.

M. MURRIDGE & CO. oct 2

CUMBERLAND COAL.—George's Creek Coal. Persons in want of a free burning coal, will leave their orders with

A. T. SKINNER & CO., aug 28

COAL! **COAL!** **COAL!**

200 tons Lykens Valley Red Ash. 200 tons Lykens Valley Company's White Ash Coal, daily expected. Consumers wishing to be supplied from vessel will please leave their orders at No. 5, between King and Prince, on the wharf.

R. H. GEMENY, No. 5, River Front

WOOD! **WOOD!** **WOOD!**

FIVE HUNDRED CORDS SUPERIOR PINE AND OAK WOOD, received and for sale low by

C. AUGUR, Office and Sample Yard, Corner Prince and St. Asaph streets. aug 6-11

COAL AND WOOD.

REMOVAL.

The subscriber has from the 5th and COAL YARD from Prince street to Nos. 33 and 40, south Royal street, where he has leased the entire yard. He will keep constantly on hand a supply of PINE, OAK and HICKORY WOOD and LORBERY and LYKEN'S VALLEY RED AND WHITE ASH COAL.

Lehigh and Locust Mountain White Ash, stove and egg size, to arrive per schr. Mary Prichard, for sale from the vessel cheap for cash. aug 13

A. S. PERPENER.

OYSTER PACKERS.

EDWARD F. VALENTINE, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in OYSTERS.

No. 34, Prince street, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Restaurants and Families supplied, and Oysters carried and sent to any part of the country on the lowest cash terms.

None but good Oysters kept, and all who favor me with their custom may rest assured that they will be furnished with the best material at the lowest rates. oct 7-1m

COGSWELL & JACKSON,

OYSTER PACKERS & DEALERS.

FRIED, STEWED & ROASTED OYSTERS, No. 12, North St. Asaph street.

(Near Washington, Alex. & George, R.R. Depot) ALEXANDRIA, VA.

We respectfully solicit the custom of our friends and the general public, as we are determined to furnish Oysters in every quantity, quality and style. sep 14-17

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS!

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Have just received from New York large additions to my stock of

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, which I am offering to purchasers at the lowest prices. Would call attention to the following specialties, viz:

Morino Underwear, White Shirts, Hosiery and Gloves, Collars, Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders.

Umbrellas, Travelling Trunks, Pocket Books, Paper Collars, Tooth, Nail, Hair and Cloth Brushes.

Horn and Rubber Combs, Neck Ties and Stocks, Pearl and Spiral Studs, Felt Sleeve Buttons, Bathing Towels, &c., &c.

Country merchants visiting our city will find it to their interest to examine my stock. CHARLES W. GREEN, oct 15-2w

H. S. MARTIN'S

BREWERY, Corner King and Fayette streets, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

After twenty-seven years of practical experience in the manufacture of MALT LIQUORS, I am fully convinced that I am capable of manufacturing ALES equal to any that have been, or may be, offered by agents in this city.

My object in brewing by steam is to now have introduced into my Brewery is preferable to the old mode, and for that reason, I flatter myself that I am fully prepared to meet every expectation by giving the community an Ale, superior to anything manufactured elsewhere in this country.

Bakers will find GROUND MALT and HOPS on hand at the Brewery. oct 13-3m

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE.

We offer for sale NINE VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS, 58 feet 10 inches, by 113 feet 5 inches deep, fronting on Washington and Columbus streets, between Wythe and Madison, running back to 20 feet alley. This ground is known as the "Catauga Lot," and is beautifully situated for a large lot, and believe it to be a good investment.

A plot of the property can be seen at our office. GREEN & WISE, Real Estate Agents, Mansion House Building. sep 25-4f

PERSONS WISHING BOARD can be accommodated on very

REASONABLE TERMS, by applying at

MRS. GRAY'S, oct 5-1m

PAINTS, OILS AND VARNISHES.—We have just made large additions to our stock of Lewis' Pure Lead, Linseed Oil, Zinc White, Varnishes, &c., and will be pleased to furnish quotations at any time.

E. S. LEADBEATER & CO. oct 16

DYE STUFFS, &c.—400 lbs Blue Vitrol, 400 lbs Chip Logwood, 400 lbs Extract Logwood, 100 lbs Carbonate Potash, Oil Vitrol, Alum, Sulphate of Indigo, &c., just received and for sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & CO. oct 16

MILLINERY & FANCY GOODS.

HATS, CAPS, FURS, AND MILLINERY GOODS.

Just received by the New York steamers E. C. Knight and J. S. Green, a large and splendid assortment of Hats of the latest styles.

The very best quality of Cassimere Hats, new styles, retail, \$3.

Best quality fine French Soft Hats \$3. A good assortment of Cassimere and Soft Hats from \$1.50 to \$2.

Saxony Hats 75 cts. to \$1. Also a first rate assortment of Boys and Infants' Hats from 75 cts. to \$1.

Also just received in my

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

A large stock of New Millinery Goods, selected by Miss Bennett and myself in the New York Market. Bonnets, Flats, Ribbons, Flowers, Velvets, Silks, Feathers, and all goods usually found in a complete fashionable Millinery Establishment.

Fine Felt Hats, all trimmed, \$1. Also the best quality of new style of Plush and Braid Hats, \$1.50.

Bonnets and Flats made to order in the latest fashions and best taste and workmanship.

IN MY LADIES' FUR DEPARTMENT

A full line of Ladies' Furs, such as Sables, Sable Mink, Russia Mink, Canada Mink, Water Mink, Fitch Furs, Russia Squirrel, Coney Furs, French Mink, Muffs, Capes, Collars, Cuffs, and Boas; and a full line of Misses and Childrens' Furs of all colors. Swans' Down and Ermine Trimmings for cloaks.

Furs Manufactured and Repaired in the best manner.

Merchants coming to town will do well to give me a call. If my goods are not bought at less than Baltimore prices they will be returned.

oct 1-1mo

125 KING STREET. 125

FALL MILLINERY! FALL MILLINERY!

Having just returned from New York, I am now prepared to offer to the ladies greater inducements than ever offered before in this city. As my stock is large and well selected, it comprises everything new and desirable in

Velvets, Satins, Grapes, &c., &c. Also, all styles of Hats, Plush, Velvet, Felt and Straw; Frames in every shape; Ladies' Mocking and Russian French Bonnets, and Bonnets in Velvet, Cactus and Felt; Grenadine for Veils in all colors, Grapes Veils, Linen Collars and Cuffs, Linen Sets, Embroidered Valenciennes Capings, Medallions and Ruchers for Infants' Caps, &c., &c., to all of which I would call your attention.

Mrs. C. L. SIMPSON, No. 125, King street. sep 30

96 S. LINDHEIMER King street.

The human form is sublime, but even art has made it more attractive; and now, at this season, when the sultry days of summer no longer keep our fair belles within the enclosure of the ladies' room, because those who have become so fashionable that no lady of Alexandria ventures upon the streets until she has been to LINDHEIMER'S, No. 96, King street, and adorned the fair brow by crowning herself with one of those elegant, rare and rich BONNETS, the very tip of the fashion, and strange how soon a bud, a rose, or a feather may be added of any color or hue, so that none who do not leave with a proud look of defiance that they are in the fashion, because those who have been there know that Mrs. LINDHEIMER'S taste is a success to be unrivalled, and she now triumphs over competitors in keeping the

QUEEN EMPORIUM OF FASHION.

The goods of this establishment are of direct importation, embracing

SATINS, SILKS, VELVETS, RIBBONS of all kinds, Shades, Width and Colors.

POINT AND TREAD LACES, CLOTHES, LADIES' UNDERGARMENTS, BONNETS, HATS, FLOWERS, STRAW, LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S GLOVES, &c.

In addition to which may be found an extensive stock of DRY GOODS, among which are gay, gaudy and plain Dress Patterns, suited to the taste and age. Do not fear you cannot be suited, for in this establishment is kept every apparel, in part, parcel and quantity, to add the most grave or fastidious grace to any lady seeking the latest styles and fashions. sep 21-3m

MERCHANT TAILORS.

JOS. L. GRIGG, TAILOR.

No. 7, south Royal st., west side.

Having dissolved his business relations with the firm of Grigg & Grigg, has located just opposite, where he hopes by strict attention and earnest endeavors to give satisfaction, and to merit a due share of the public patronage. oct 10-3m

WILLIAM MURRAY,

MERCHANT TAILOR.

No. 7, NORTH FAIRFAX STREET.

Has just received his FALL and WINTER ASSORTMENT OF CLOTHES, CASSIMERES, AND VESTINGS.

He invites his friends and customers to call and examine his stock. sep 12

WILLIAM E. ATWELL,

FASHIONABLE TAILOR.

No. 101 King st., next to Milburn's Drug Store.

Would announce to his friends and the public that he is again prepared to attend to all orders for work in his line, in his usually satisfactory style. mar 16-4f

CABINET FURNITURE,